

**CITY OF EDGEWOOD
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
November 6, 2006
6:30 PM**

CALL TO ORDER – Mayor Link called the meeting of the Edgewood City Council to order at 6:30 PM in the council chambers of the Edgewood City Building. The following council members were present: Mark Steffen, Bill Grady, Dale Henson, Jeff Schreiber, Scott Guenther, and Ray Spears. Also in attendance were City Attorney Frank Wichmann, City Administrator Roger Rolfes and City Clerk Jeanette Kemper. Councilmember Nancy Atkinson was absent.

INVOCATION

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

APPROVAL OF AGENDA – No changes.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – **October 16, 2006 Meeting Minutes** - Mr. Guenther made a motion to adopt the October 16, 2006 meeting minutes as written; seconded by Mr. Spears. Motion passed: 6 ayes – 0 nays.

REPORTS/PRESENTATIONS

Mayor's Report – Mayor Link stated that we had a good turnout for Spooky Sunday. Rumpke's waste wheeler program is in progress and is working.

Administrator's Report – Mr. Rolfes gave an update on the pocket park. He met with Adam Rigsby, the Eagle Scout who is going to build the gazebo. Mr. Rolfes is waiting for a design for the gazebo from CDS Architects; hopefully it'll be done this week. Previous parking lot demonstration will be November 16th. Public Works has put down the first layer of gravel as required. Demolition of house – still waiting to obtain final figures for this project. Mr. Rolfes thanked the fire department and the general services department for all their hard work.

Staff Reports – Council reviewed reports from the following staff members: City Administrator, City Clerk, EMS/Fire, General Services, Police, and Recreation. Mr. Henson requested that letters be sent to the residents on Brookwood Circle advising them of the delay of the project.

CITIZENS DESIRING RECOGNITION ON LEGISLATIVE MATTERS NOT ON THE AGENDA

Mr. Jeffrey Huck a student at NKU was in attendance to observe the meeting as a requirement for his state and local politics class.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

False Alarm Ordinance – Chief Kramer obtained sample ordinances from other cities as requested by council. He liked Taylor Mill's fee structure the best. He recommended that we have a maximum number of alarms allowed per month as well as per year. His recommendation was five "free" alarms per year not to exceed one per month. Mr. Schreiber

liked Taylor Mill's ordinance also but would rather see it set at three per month, not one, and five per year; he believes that would be more fair because sometimes the false alarms are due to equipment errors. Mr. Steffen verified that this would apply to 911 calls as well and Chief Kramer said it would. Mr. Grady asked if the ordinance would be advertised. Chief Kramer said it'll be put in the newsletter and posted on the website. Mr. Spears also liked Taylor Mill's ordinance but was unclear on why there is a need for a monthly and an annual offense rate. Chief Kramer and Chief Messmer explained the need. The fire department experiences more equipment error on their false alarms where the police experiences more human error. Mr. Steffen said he would like for the city to draft an ordinance that is modeled after Taylor Mill's but include language that would include 911 calls. Mr. Wichmann asked if the maximum should be on a calendar year basis or a 12-month period basis and the consensus was a 12-month period. The ordinance will cover fire alarms, security alarms and 911 calls and will allow five annually and not to exceed three per month. Mr. Wichmann will draft the ordinance.

Freedom Park Soccer Field – Mr. Rolfes stated that the city received a proposal for maintenance of the soccer field as instructed by council. The proposal, which is from Jansen Turf, recommended that the city do an extensive reseeding or totally sod the field due to there being limited grass to work with at this time. Seeding would cost \$12,300 and sodding would cost \$15,700. Mr. Rolfes recommended going with the sod. Mr. Henson, Mr. Guenther and Mr. Grady agreed to sod the field. Mr. Schreiber stated that when we first started talking about putting down the artificial turf was because we didn't want to spend the money on the sod and keep doing that and we've already done this once before. He further stated that when we decided to maintain the natural field that the field was going to be slit seeded, topsoil put down, level it out and this current company is not going to do that. They are going to fertilize and over seed it and the other guy was going to slit seed it twice, which seemed like the way to go. He said it seems like the city has changed from what we authorized. Mr. Rolfes said the other gentleman was going to give 40 tons of material and it would have only covered in front of the goals. It would not be a total overlay of soil. This person also was going to evaluate the field in the spring and come back with recommendations and when Mr. Rolfes spoke to him on the phone he said he was headed in the same direction of the current company which is to do serious seeding or put down sod. Mr. Schreiber said we agreed not to put a lot of money into it and now we're looking at \$20,000 for sod and he thought everyone didn't want to do that. Mr. Spears said the annual expected average cost for maintenance will be \$10,000 in addition every year; he'll be voting no. He said we're spending good money after bad and the long-term solution would have been to spend the \$200,000 for the artificial turf. Mr. Henson is in favor of the sod because it'll get us an extra year of play out of it. Mr. Guenther and Mr. Grady said they were in favor of the sod. Mr. Steffen said he wasn't sure about spending the money on the sod plus the future costs for years to come but it may be worth it to try it for a year. Mr. Rolfes stated that if council does this then they can clearly state that they've done everything reasonably possible to make it work naturally and hopefully it will. Mr. Schreiber said we've done this before and it didn't last. Mr. Henson said we have not done this level of maintenance of the field before and for a savings of \$185,000 he thinks it's worth it for a year to see how this does. Mr. Henson made a **motion** to approve the expenditure of \$15,700 for the sod; second by Mr. Guenther. Mr. Schreiber and Mr. Spears voted nay. **Motion passed: 4 ayes – 2 nays.**

Electronic message sign bids – Mr. Rolfes said bids were received and he will be meeting with the low bidder this week to discuss their bid.

NEW BUSINESS

Bobcat purchase – Mr. Rolfes said things are different now than what was in his memo to council. He had stated that we thought we needed to ask for \$8,000 for a planer but Mr. Goetz realized that he had allocated the \$8,000 in his budget for it as well as the \$30,000 for the bobcat. We will be trading in the skid steer for \$5,500. Total cost for the bobcat will be \$37,434. Mr. Rolfes asked for authorization to trade in the skid steer for the purchase of the bobcat. Mr. Guenther made a **motion** to authorize the Mayor to trade in the Skat Track skid steer with bucket and tracks for \$5,500; second by Mr. Spears.

Motion passed: 6 ayes – 0 nays.

ORDINANCES, MUNICIPAL ORDERS, AND RESOLUTIONS

Resolution 2006-06 change trustee for Bank of Kentucky pension plan – Mr. Rolfes stated that the Bank of Kentucky has switched administrators of the pension plan and the new firm requests this resolution to be passed. The new firm will take over January 1, 2007. Mr. Henson made a **motion** to adopt resolution 2006-06; second by Mr. Steffen.

Motion passed: 6 ayes – 0 nays.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Municipal Government League Annual Dinner is Saturday November 18th at 6 p.m. at the Highland Country Club in Ft. Thomas. RSVP with Jeanette by November 9th (meal choice is steak or fish).

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Guenther made a **motion** to adjourn at 7:30 p.m.; seconded by Mr. Henson. **Motion passed: 6 ayes – 0 nays.**

Mayor John D. Link

Attest: _____
Jeanette Kemper, City Clerk

Date passed: _____